

CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Department of Education
State Board Room

May 10, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12: 00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to order, welcome, and agenda overview
- February 8, 2011 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- Legislation – Eileen Lipanis
- Charter School Grant Application Update – Michelle Gauthier
- Dissemination Information –
- New Business
 - §Nomination-Beth McClure, Director, Strong Foundations Charter School to NH Charter School Advisory Committee
 - §Nomination-Deborah Connell, Administrator, Bureau of Integrated Programs, Department of Education to NH Charter School Advisory Committee
- Old Business
- Adjournment

NH CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting
May 10, 2011

MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the NH Charter School Advisory Committee was called to order by Roberta Tenney at 10:05 a.m. May 10 in the Board Room at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Tenney, Christine Barry, Judith Fillion, Lisa Lavoie, Pamela Burke, Steve Bos for Lisa Danley, Karen Geary, Kathy Lassey, Marcia McCaffrey (arrived 11:00 a.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Calhoun, Ted Comstock, John Davis, Todd DeMitchell, Kathleen Murphy.

DOE STAFF and GUESTS: Michelle Gauthier; Beth McClure, Director., Strong Foundations Charter School.

CHECK-IN:

Steve Bos, Education Consultant, Department of Education, Bureau of Career Development – Budget cuts at State and Federal levels. Maintenance of effort cannot be made. Some CTE centers will close-enrollment drops greatly in Concord.

Angie LeBel, Office of Accountability-Home Education & Charter School - due to State budget cuts, her position has been eliminated at the end of June. She will retire July 1 with 28 years of State service.

Judy Fillion, Director, Department of Education, Division of Program Support Group – Oversees Bureau of Credentialing, Bureau of Data Management, Bureau of Nutrition Programs & Services, Bureau of School Approval & Management, and Office of Student Data Management.

Michelle Gauthier – In January, started work in Charter School Office.

Beth McClure, Director, Strong Foundations Charter School – Readiness-Grade 6. This is her first meeting as a new member of the Charter School Advisory Committee. Strong Foundations Charter School had renewal visit on Friday.

Pam Burke, Chair of the Board of Trustees, CSI Charter School – CSI is up for renewal next Spring.

Chris Barry, Assistant Superintendent, Merrimack Valley School District – SAU liaison for CSI Charter School. Applying for another charter school (STEM school). School Board is supportive of other options for students. (50% of students at CSI are from other districts-School Board supports.)

Karen Geary, teacher – her children in Seacoast Charter School seven years. In charge of their Accountability Committee. Use multiple forms of assessment. Dan Hunter-creative challenge index-what opportunities is the school providing? In Massachusetts-part of the law.

Kathleen Lassey, retired teacher – volunteers once/week where she taught previously. Has done some grant writing. (New member of Charter School Advisory Committee.)

Lisa Lavoie, Director, North Country Charter School (Littleton and Lancaster). Planning for graduation (400 in attendance), 35 students graduating this year. Will be going to Atlanta, Georgia for National Alliance for Charter School to present model. Roberta will attend also. Invited Arne Duncan.

PRESENTATION: Pam Burke introduced Larry B., CSI coach. He presented a brief overview of CSI (handout). Students from the School did not present due to unforeseen circumstances. They will do a presentation at the September meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Pam Burke stated that Tom Faulk, New Hampshire Technical Institute, is now on the CSI Board of Trustees. The Institute offered a course as a graduation gift.

LEGISLATION: Eileen Lipanis invited to St. Louis – charter replication meeting.

NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: Michelle Gauthier
An updated handout showing an overview of each new charter school was distributed. Applications for new schools include: Making Community Connections (MC²), Mills Falls Charter School, PACE Career Academy Charter School, Polaris Academy Charter School, TEAMS Charter School, and NH Online Charter School.

DISSEMINATION GRANTS: Roberta Tenney
Grant awards have been made to the Academy for Science and Design and Strong Foundations Charter School.

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A motion was made by Lisa Lavoie, seconded by Christine Barry, to accept the minutes of the February 8 meeting with the following correction noted. Angie stated that the

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November 9, 2010 meeting minutes indicated a vote was taken to accept Pamela Burke as a new member of the Charter School Advisory Committee. Therefore, the motion to accept Pamela Burke as a new Committee member should be deleted from the February 8, 2011 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

-At the meeting in September, CSI will do a school presentation.

-Seminar Series 204 – Choosing the wrong drivers for whole system reform:
Michael Fullan (handout) – Roberta Tenney

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m..

Submitted by,

Angie LeBel
Department of Education
Office of Accountability

Attachments:

CSI PowerPoint Presentation
Overview Update-New Charter School Applications (Department of Education)
Seminar Series204 – Michael Fullan